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SUMMARY: TDB PLENARY DEBATE CONCLUDED. NEW INSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS MADE ON INTERDEPENDENCE AND LAND-LOCKED.

1. INTERDEPENDENCE (ITEM 7). EGYPT PROPOSED HIGH LEVEL STANDING COMMITTEE OF TDB WHICH WOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IN MONETARY, TRADE AND FINANCE AREA. ASSERTED SUCH A COMMITTEE WAS NEEDED TO ASSURE COORDINATED APPROACH. PAKISTAN DEL QUESTIONED ADEQUACY EGYPT'S PROPOSAL BUT SUPPORTED PROPOSED COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. PAK DEL STATED THAT G-77 WILL PRODUCE FORMAL PROPOSAL. SEVERAL GROUP B COUNTRIES (U.S., JAPAN, ITALY, AUSTRALIA, FRANCE) REACTED WITH RESERVE BY INDICATING NEED FOR "CAREFUL STUDY" OF EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL. DEBATE ON THIS TO BE RESUMED UNDER ITEM 12-A. US DEL
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2. LEAST DEVELOPED AND LAND-LOCKED (ITEMS 9 AND 10).
SUDAN, SPEAKING FOR AFRICA, PROPOSED SPECIAL INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL GROUP (IGG) TO CONSIDER AND PROPOSE
SOLUTIONS FOR PROBLEMS OF LEAST DEVELOPED. GENERAL
LDC SUPPORT FOR IDEA OF IGG. ETHIOPIAN SPEECH
UNDERLINED ABSENCE OF ACTIVITY IN COMMERCIAL
POLICY AND STATED NEED FOR PROPOSED IGG TO KEEP UNDER
REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT SPECIAL MEASURES INCLUDED IN
RES. 62(III). NORWAY INDICATED THEY CONSIDERING
EXTENSION OF GSP TO ALL BRUSSELS NOMENCLATURE (1-24) FOR
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ONLY AND HOPES GATT WILL APPROVE.
U.K. PROMISED CAREFUL STUDY OF IGG PROPOSAL WHEN TEXT CIRCULATED.
INDIA STRESSED THE NEED FOR THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH
ARE ABLE TO AID LEASE DEVELOPED AND INDICATED INDIA
INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE WITH ITS RESOURCES. SPEECHES
ON LAND-LOCKED RECOGNIZED PROBLEM. INDIA AND BRAZIL
NOTED THAT PROBLEMS OF TRANSIT COMPLEX AND EACH COUNTRY
IN DIFFERENT SITUATION, THUS MULTILATERAL GUIDELINES NEED
TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

3. PAKISTAN, SUPPORTED BY THAILAND, CRITICIZED TRANSPORT
STUDY (TD/B 453) AS "UNWARRANTED" AND BEYOND TERMS OF
REFERENCE, AND ASKED SECRETARIAT TO EXPLAIN AND TDB NOT
TO TAKE NOTE OF REPORT. SECRETARIAT'S REPLY CITED TERMS OF
REFERENCE (ANNEX I). OTHER COUNTRIES COMMENTING ON REPORT
GAVE AT LEAST GENERAL ENDORSEMENT TO IT. PAKISTAN STAND
MOTIVATED BY RELUCTANCE ACCEPT VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WOULD
FAVOR AFGHANISTAN TRANSIT TRADE.

4. U.S. STATEMENT:

A. STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING HUMAN RESOURCE INFRA-
STRUCTURE OF LEAST DEVELOPED;

B. DREW ATTENTION TO U.S. EFFORTS IN SAHEL, ETHIOPIA, AND
HAITI;

C. NOTED PARTICULARLY MULTILATERAL EFFORTS;

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D. GAVE GENERAL ENDORSEMENT TO TRANSPORT STUDY;

E. SUPPORTED PROPOSED STANDARDIZED TRANSIT DOCUMENT. DALE

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